Monitoring is done by the government of India through regular inter-action with the State Government at meetings at the national level, through visits of officers to the States, by reviewing HUDCO's loaning activities to the various States and through various HUDCO regional offices. The Government of India aids and advises States on modern requirements through HUDCO and the BMTPC in the dissemination of cost effective and environment friendly technology and through a network of building centres. It also aids and advises the State Governments through communication of model laws and bye-laws in the areas affecting housing activities.

Government of India also aids and advises States in securing adequate financial assistance through housing finance institutions including HUDCO and other sources.

As far as natural calamities are concerned, the BMTPC have brought out the Vulnerability Atlas of India which identifies earthquake prone, cyclone prone and flood prone areas in the country. Sets of guidelines have been prepared and communicated to the State Governments on how to make building/ house construction resistant to natural calamities. The Vulnerability Atlas has already been communicated to the States. The advice given by this Ministry through HUDCO and BMTPC covers guidelines for new construction as also guidelines for retrofitting in existing buildings.

Cyclone proof houses in Orissa

1192. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Cyclone-proof house must in Orissa" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 15th January, 2000;

(b) whether the State Government of Orissa has submitted a proposal of Rs. 1,100 crores on this account to HUDCO;

(c) if so, whether the same has been approved; and

(d) if not, by when it is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Govt, of Orissa has submitted the proposals for availing a total financial assistance of Rs. 1112.50 crores for repairs/reconstruction of houses damaged by cyclone which has been approved by HUDCO.

(d) Does not arise.

Night shelter and sanitation facility for urban footpath dwellers

1193. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 202 given in Rajya Sabha on 13th December, 1999 and state:

(a) the details of the Central Sector Schemes under night shelter and sanitation facility for urban footpath dwellers;

(b) by when it will be implemented in different parts of the country;

(c) whether some State Governments have shown any interest; and

(d) if so, the names of such States, particularly details about the State of Rajasthan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) With a view to ameliorating the hardships being faced by the urban footpath dwellers in metropolitan cities/towns, a Central Sector scheme named Night Shelter and Sanitation Facilities to Footpath Dwellers in Urban Areas is in operation since 1988-89. The Scheme was further modified in August, 1992. The Scheme is to be implemented by the State Governments or local municipal bodies or other State sponsored/recommended agencies.

The Scheme has the following, components:

(i) Construction of community night shelters with community toilets and baths. Under this component a Central subsidy amounting to Rs. 1000/and HUDCO loan of Rs. 4000/-is being provided.

(ii) Construction only of community pay and use toilets/baths for the homeless. Under this component a Central Subsidy amounting to Rs. 350/-per user per seat is being given.

The Scheme is already under implementation.